US offer for manufacturing TF-5 military training aircraft

450. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States have offered to help India manufacture TF-5 supersonic two-seater military training aircraft;

(b) if. so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the main outlines of the offer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The offer will be duly considered, at the appropriate stage. It is not in the national security interest to spell out further details.

Sale of Australian Mirage fighters to Pakistan

451. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: SHRIMATl VEENA: VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the lethal potential of the 50 Mirage fighters which Australia has decided to sell to Pakistan and to what extent it effects the Indian defence preparedness; and

(b) what steps have been taken to meet the situation in the context of this development?

THE MINISTER, OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR, RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) The aircraft which are of 1964 vintage, basically are Air Defence Fighters, but can also be used for ground attack missions. All developments having a bearing on India's security are kept under constant review by the Government and all necessary measuros taken to safeguard it.

कटरा स्थित विश्वायतन योग आश्रम

452. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकारी सहायता से चल रहा विश्वायतन योग आश्रम, कटरा योग अध्यापकों का एक वर्षीय डिग्री पाठ्यक्रम संचालित करता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह डिग्री पाठ्यक्रम किसी विश्वविद्यालय से मान्यता प्राप्त है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो किस विश्वविद्यालय ने उसे मान्यता प्रदान की है और यह मान्यता किस वर्ष में दी गई थी; और

(घ) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (ग) का उत्तर "न" हो तो क्या सरकार ने इस संस्थान के खिलाफ जाली डिग्रियां देने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही की है; यदि हां, तो इस मामले में की गई कार्यवाही से प्राप्त परिणामों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिमन भाई मेहता) : (क) से (घ) विश्वायतन योग आश्रम द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, यह संस्था योग में एक वर्षीय डिप्लोमा पाठ्यक्रम आयोजित कर रही है । चूंकि, संस्था केवल डिप्लोमा प्रदान कर रही है न कि डिग्री, अतः किसी विश्व-विद्यालय द्वारा मान्यता का प्रश्न नहीं उठता । योग आश्रम द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, यह संस्था तब तक कोई डिग्री प्रदान नहीं करेगी जब तक कि यह किसी विश्वविद्यालय से संबद्ध न हो जाए ।

Executive Council of the All India Council for Technical Education

453. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) was

formed; the names of its members and number of General Body meetings held so far;

(b) what are the names of members of the executive committee and the dates when meetings of the executive committee were held;

(c) what is the number of institutions/courses approved during 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(d) whether these institutions were inspected any time by the authorities and whether these institutions fulfilled the required conditions;

(e) whether some of the state Governments had objected to recognitions being given by the Council Committee as they lacked necessary facilities;

(f) whether the Council is going to be reconstituted; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (g) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) initially set up as apex advisory body for technical education in 1945, was given statutory status on 28th March, 1988. Executive Committee of AICTE was set up on 6-l-1989 under Section 12 of the AICTE Act. The first Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Executive Committee are the Union Minister for Human Resource Development and the Union Minister of State for Education respectively. Names of the other members of the Council and the Executive Committee are given in Annexure. *(See* Appendix CLIV Annexure No. 28)

The statutory AICTE has held one meeting so far. The Executive Com mittee has also held one meeting over two sitting. on 16th and 27th Feb ruary, 1989.

On becoming statutory the AICTE adopted the norms, guidelines and procedures of the erstwhile advisory AICTE. Proposals for starting new' technical institutions are taken up with the consultation of State Governments and are considered for approval on the basis of inspections and recommendations by Expert Committees. In order to deal with urgent proposals of the State Governments, the Chairman also set up a National Expert Committee with representation from the State Governments, subject experts and others concerned. These Committees consider proposals on the basis of norms and guidelines laid down by the Council in respect of physical infrastructure, financial viability, faculty strength and other academic aspects. In respect of admissions and fees the norms of respective State Governments have been permitted for the present. Approval in principle has been given in a few cases subject to fulfilment of norms and standards and subsequent visits by the Expert Committees. In accordance with the above, nineteen institutions and eighty-eight courses were approved by the Council during 1988-89. The corresponding numbers for 1989-90 are twenty-one institutions and ninety-six courses.

While no State Govemment has objected to approvals given by the Council, some State Governments have asked for a greater role for the State Governments in the functioning of AICTE. The first term of the Council is five years with effect from 12th May, 1988 and reconstitution would be due after expiry of the term of the present Council.

Augmentation of troops and war materials on the border by Pakistan

454. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleasad to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has augmented its troods and war materials, close to our borders in the recent past;